

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 519 – HB 568

March 28, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Enacts the *Tennessee Retail Pet Store Consumer Protection Act* to require retail pet stores, at the time of sale of a dog, to provide documentation containing specific information including, but not limited to, the purchaser's rights, description of the dog, and the date of sale of such dog. Authorizes the purchaser of a dog to request reimbursement of veterinarian costs from the retail pet store in an amount up to the purchase price of the dog within 14 days of purchase, if such dog has been determined to have a preexisting illness by the veterinarian. Authorizes disputes to be resolved by civil action.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004326, 004572, 004847, 006178):**

Amendment 004326 deletes and replaces language in the original bill to exempt from the definition of a "retail pet store" flea markets and retail establishments that sell companion animals that are bred or raised on the establishments' premises, and to delete the provision that prohibited a retail pet store from selling, delivering, bartering, auctioning, brokering, giving away, or transferring a dog to a person under 18 years of age.

Amendment 004572 deletes and replaces language in the original bill to prohibit any county or municipality to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or promulgate rules to regulate any conduct in the area covered by this part, and to delete the provision that prohibited a political subdivision or agency from enacting or enforcing a law, ordinance, resolution, or regulation that regulates or prohibits any conduct in the area covered by this act.

Amendment 004847 deletes and replaces language of the bill as amended to prohibit a county or municipality from adopting an ordinance or resolution regulating or prohibiting any conduct in the area covered by this part and to prohibit local government entities from enforcing such ordinance or resolution.

Amendment 006178 deletes and replaces language of the bill as amended establishing that this Act shall not apply to the City of Goodlettsville.

## **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed bill as amended does not require any permits or licenses pertaining to pet stores.
- There will not be a significant increase in state or local expenditures associated with ensuring compliance with the requirements of the bill as amended, as no state or local agencies are tasked with ensuring such compliance.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These revenues and expenditures are estimated to be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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